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Bakery rises from ashes of fire and gallows are rebuilt in a garden

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Wright's bakery in Haddenham has recovered following a fire in 1984

'Remarkable recovery' for burned down bakery – 1986

A FAMILY firm of bakers and confectioners, John E Wright and Son, has made a remarkable recovery.

In August 1984, a fire swept through their four-year-old bakery off Haddenham High Street causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

They had 30 wholesale customers they could just not supply and thought of giving up.

But the bakery was ready for operation again after only eight weeks, and their most recent shop in Newmarket, which includes a coffee and snack bar, opened in November.

City pays high price for becoming too high tech – 1985

CAMBRIDGE is paying a high price for becoming the country's high-tech 'boom town'.

Its roads are becoming congested and, frequently, traffic chaos reigns.

By the turn of the century there will be almost half as much again traffic on the city's roads as there is now.

But a county council report says it is unrealistic to expect absolutely unrestrained use of motor vehicles in the city.

There will always be peak hour congestion and there is still not enough parking provision which means that many would-be trippers are put off.

Gallows rebuilt in suburban Nottingham garden – 1982

THE gallows from the old Cambridge prison behind the assize courts on Castle Hill have been restored in a quiet suburban back garden in Nottingham.

The last at the prison took place in November 1913.

Hundreds of people queued to inspect the gaol in June 1930 before it was demolished. They included Doris Melbourne; she visited the prison three times with her father, William Wale, who took photographs of the gallows in situ.

Windmill will become dangerous if not repaired – 1954

HADDENHAM windmill may become a dangerous structure if not repaired soon.

The cost of repair would be £2,000 and there is hope to raise public subscription.

The mill was built in 1903. The machinery and sails are intact and it is not beyond repair.

A need to link isolated Fenlands with Ely market – 1948

SEVEN witnesses from Fenland came to Cambridge to plead for better bus facilities to link their isolated homesteads with Ely market, but their case was preceded by a long hearing and the traffic commissioners had time only to listen to two of them before adjourning the proceedings.

Those unable to be heard waited from 11am to 6.30pm.

Before the Commissioners were applications by William Washington of Littleport to operate new stage carriage services between Black Horse Drove and Home Farm Drove (Hundred Foot Bank) and Ely.

The applications were objected to by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company. The applications were designed to cater for the area of Fenland between Littleport and Southery, which, while highly productive agriculturally, was very isolated. At present, it was practically uncatered for by a bus service.

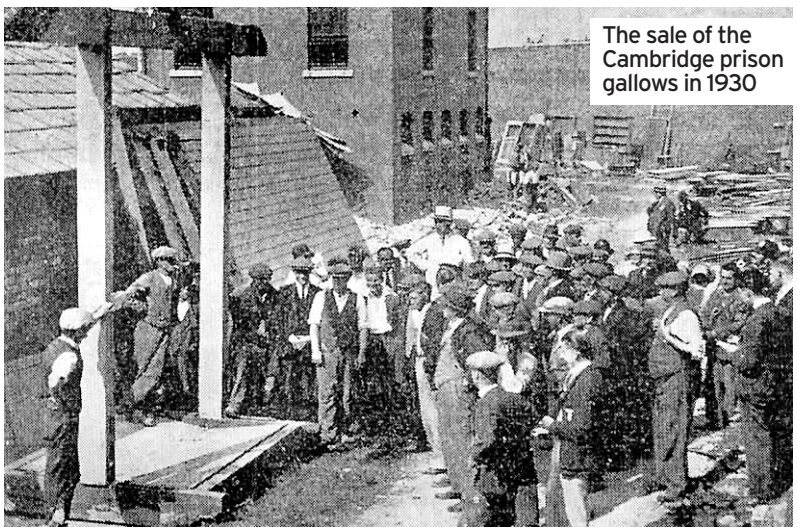
Duke of Bedford offers Thorney estate to Crown – 1909

THE Duke of Bedford's offer of the Thorney estate to the Crown has been declined and he will now put the estate up for auction.

The Duke says he is prepared to assist existing tenants to buy their holdings by allowing a portion of the purchase money to remain on mortgage, but the tenants feel they should at least have the option of private treaty before their farms are put up to public competition.

Some holdings have been in the occupation of the same families since 1772 and they claim they have done as much in developing the estate as the Bedford family.

Should the sale take place, it will spell ruin to many, they fear.



The sale of the Cambridge prison gallows in 1930

County library should have employed a Fen man – 1926

SIR, The appointment of a Scotch lady as librarian for the Isle of Ely has occasioned some heart burning as it was hoped the position would have been a secured by a resident of the county.

There appears to be quite a Scotch and North of England favour amongst the officials of the county council who will doubtless welcome in their midst another compatriot from the land of the mountains and the glen.

But still the county council would do well to remember the claims of applicants in this district when another minor post is open for competition, even if their qualifications are not as high as some of the candidates from other parts of the country.

Surely, out of 40 or more candidates, there could have been found a Fen man or Fen woman who could have undertaken duties of county librarian efficiently and to the satisfaction of the officials.

Yours faithfully, a Supporter of the Scheme

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